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Flood Response Update

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June 23, 2011 –

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Stolinski provided the following information on flood response activities at the daily press briefing:

- The Missouri River water elevation level is currently at 34.7 feet (flood stage is 29 feet). This estimate was provided by the National Weather Service. Today, the Gavins Point Dam will be releasing 160,000 cubic feet per second (they were previously releasing 155,000 cfs).
- Riverfront Drive continues to be closed to traffic at 600 North Riverfront Drive. However, traffic is allowed to access Rick's Boatyard Café from the South and the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge from the North. The National Park Service building – located near the Burt/Izard pump station – remains open for business.
- Access to Eppler Airfield via Abbott Drive is being maintained through the use of supplemental pumps.
- Modifications to the Burt/Izard pump stations continue. It is expected that the trail by Riverfront Drive will be closed starting the middle of next week. Closure of the trail will allow an additional pipe to be connected to the channel feeding into the Missouri River. The trail will remain closed for several weeks.
- Volunteer sandbagging operations at Levi Carter Park started again today. Volunteers can help sandbag from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will continue for the rest of this week, including Saturday.
- Planned activities for the next 24-72 hours include:
 1. 24-hour monitoring of the entire levee by the Nebraska National Guard.
 2. Dewatering the Magellan facility will continue.
 3. Installing additional large-capacity pumps and rerouting water in the area of the Burt/Izard pump station.
 4. Monitoring the areas behind the levees for any water table increases.

The Douglas County Emergency Management Agency has sponsored a website dedicated to the 2011 Missouri River Flood: www.omahaflood.org.

Residents seeking answers to flood-related questions can also call 2-1-1.

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